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FIRE DEPARTMENT



Water Rescue in Charleston Harbor

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Charleston, SC (April 24, 2014): Emergency personnel with the City of Charleston Fire Department, St. Johns Fire Department, US Coast Guard Sector Charleston, City of Charleston Police Department, Charleston County Rescue Squad and Charleston County EMS were dispatched at 5:14 PM for a boater in distress between the Coast Guard base and the Charleston Marina. The 9-1-1 caller reported someone hanging onto the side of a capsized vessel and the subject was having difficulty hanging onto a ladder on the side of the boat.

The 9-1-1 caller grabbed a life vest, entered the water, and swam to assist the subject. A civilian vessel arrived to the scene and was able to pull the distressed subject into its vessel. The City of Charleston Fire Department fire boat, the "Louis Behrens", arrived on scene and the patient was transferred over to the fire boat for medical attention.

The City of Charleston fire boat arrived at the City of Charleston docks and was met by Charleston County EMS at approximately 5:30 PM. The original subject in distress in the water was transported to a local hospital. The second subject refused medical treatment.



City of Charleston fire boat, the "Louis Behrens".

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